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Office Action Summary

Application No. 09/472,232	Applicant(s) Dumas et al.
Examiner Deepak Rao	Art Unit 1624

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on Aug 28, 2003 _____
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1, 2, 4-10, 15, 16, and 18-34 _____ /are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1, 2, 4-10, 15, 16, and 21-34 _____ /are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 18-20 _____ /are objected to.
 8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
 If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some* c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
 a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
 15) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 19 6) Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on April 3, 2003 has been entered.

Claims 1-2, 4-10, 15-16 and 18-34 are pending in this application.

The rejections from the previous office action are all withdrawn in view of the amendments and applicant's remarks.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-2, 4-10, 24-25 and 30-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

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In the claims the variable M (which replaced the original variable Y) definition includes the groups “-NR⁵C(O)NR⁵R⁵-, -NR⁵C(O)-, -C(O)NR⁵-”, see claim 1, page 5 of paper no. 22, line 11. This recitation is not fully supported by the description in the specification because the above groups are not disclosed in the definition of the original term Y on pages 5 and 6.

The generic disclosure nor the examples provide any support for the above mentioned subject matter. Therefore, it is concluded that the claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-2, 4-10, 24-25 and 30-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The following reasons apply:

1. In the claims, in the definition of M, the group “-NR⁵C(O)NR⁵R⁵-, -NR⁵C(O)-, -C(O)NR⁵-” is not a proper bivalent group because the second nitrogen already has satisfied permissible valencies. Further, the specification does not provide any explanation nor examples of compounds having the above specified group. (The discrepancy is found in the independent claims 1, 30 and 33).

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2. In the claims, in the definition of M, the group “-O(CH₂)_m-” is repeated, see e.g., claim 1, page 5, lines 10 and 11. The discrepancy is also found in claims 30 and 33.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 15-16, 21-23 and 26-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Regan et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,080,763. The reference discloses pyrazolyl derivatives (see the compounds disclosed in Table 1, col. 35-38 wherein the 5-membered ring is A) and the reference discloses that the compounds have therapeutic effect on various diseases of mammal through the inhibitory activity on variety of inflammatory cytokines such as IL-1, IFN γ , etc. which diseases include oncological diseases (see col. 3); multiple myeloma (see col. 5), etc. The instant claims read on the prior art taught therapeutic effect because the instant claims are drawn to administration of the compounds that are structurally identical to those disclosed in the reference, in same dosages, to the same population. The diseases mediated by raf kinase include cancers such as carcinomas, myeloid disorders, etc. (as per specification page 2) which diseases are

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included in the reference disclosure and therefore, the instantly claimed mechanism of raf kinase mediation is inherently taught in the reference.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 18-20 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Receipt is acknowledged of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 23, 2002 and a copy is enclosed herewith. The citations of several "Notices of references" filed in copending applications and the International Search Reports in various International applications have been acknowledged. However, these are not proper publications *per se* that comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 and therefore, will not appear on the patent as a cited document.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Deepak Rao whose telephone number is (703) 305-1879. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 6:30am to 5:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Mukund Shah, can be reached on (703) 308-4716. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4556.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.


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Primary Examiner
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